AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of all claims in the application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A system for scheduling events simultaneously onto a plurality of calendars, comprising: data storage means for storing data; input means for inputting data into the data storage means; viewing means for viewing data; user data identifying each user or potential user of the system; event data identifying an event; association means for associating a user with event data; user data file containing event data, wherein each user is provided with an electronically generated calendar, and wherein a potential user is notified of a first populated event on said user's calendar prior to the potential user accessing the user's calendar.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1, comprising means for permitting a user to add and delete events from the user's personal calendar without affecting the events viewable by other users or events on other users' calendars which the deleting user did not post.

3. (Original) The system of claim 2, wherein event data comprises one or the other or both of data for a specific event which is stored in the user data file and pointers stored in the user data file pointing to data for a specific event which is stored in a global event file.

4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising user group identification means associating one or more users with a group, wherein a user is selected for association as a member of the group by the user creating the group.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein the user selected is the user creating the group.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising link data for storing retrievable data, and linking means for linking link data with event data.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein user data for each user comprises information for identifying a user.

8. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the information for identifying a user comprises public/known user information.

9. (Original) The system of claim 7, wherein the information for identifying a user comprises a user's email address.

10. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the user data identifying each user or potential user of the system comprises a user identifying string.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the user identifying string can be associated with one or more alias strings of the user to associate the user with event data posted for that user under each of the user identifying strings and alias strings, regardless of which user identifying string the user inputs to sign onto the system.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1, including control means for controlling the availability of information on a user's calendar for viewing by other users.

13. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the control means comprises means for selectively permitting a first user to compare a time interval with a scheduled event on a second user's calendar for ascertaining whether the second user has available time or whether an event is scheduled for that time interval.

14. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the control means comprises means for selectively permitting a first user to view a second user's calendar.

15. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the control means comprises means for selectively permitting a first user to allow a second user to view one or more events of the first user's calendar.

16. (Original) The system of claim 12, wherein the control means comprises means for selectively permitting a first user to prevent other users from viewing one or more events of that first user's calendar.

17. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the control means comprises means for selectively permitting a first user to prevent other users from viewing one or more events of that first user's calendar.

18. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising reminder means for generating a reminder of an event which is sent to the user in advance of the event.

19. (Original) The system of claim 1, farther comprising means for controlling the reoccurrence of an event at a predetermined interval.

20. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein the recurring event is counted to provide on the user's calendar the recurring event at the predetermined interval with the counted number associated with the event.

21. (Original) The system of claim 20, wherein the recurring event is an annually recurring event, and wherein the event data is controlled to list the event annually on the user's calendar.

22. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising user testing means for enabling a user to determine whether email addresses of intended recipients of a message are users of the system based on one or more associated email addresses associated with the user.

23. (Currently Amended) A method for providing notification of one or more scheduled events and scheduling events comprising the steps of: a) providing data storage means for storing data; b) providing input means for inputting data into data storage means; c) providing viewing means for viewing data stored in the data storage means; d) inputting with input means information about an event into data storage means; e) inputting with input means into the data storage means user data; f) providing processor means for processing data; g) associating event data with user data; h) comparing user data associated with event data with user information data to identify a user; i) associating an event with an identified user to create a user data file; j) storing on the data storage means a user data file wherein the user data file contains information pertaining to a user; k) inputting personal user data information into the user data file; l) providing a user identification string containing user identification data; m) establishing a user identification data subset containing a user password data; inputting with input means a user data information and user password data; n) accessing stored user data; o) comparing the input user data information and password data with user information data and corresponding user password data stored on the system to identify a user selected to receive event data; p) storing in the user data file of a user selected to receive event data, event data; q) displaying on viewing means a calendar graphic which includes the event data of the user data file, wherein the step of storing on the data storage means a user data file wherein the user data file contains information pertaining to a user, includes information pertaining to a potential user if the user has not already become a user.

24. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[24]] 23, wherein the method of storing event data in the data storage means comprises the steps of storing event data

in at least two files, the at least two files including a global event data file and a user data file, wherein the step of storing event data comprises associating event data stored in a global event data file with event data stored in a user data file.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[25]] 24, further comprising the step of maintaining a user's calendar of events by selectively deleting events from the user's calendar.

26. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[24]] 23, wherein the step of creating user identification data comprises inputting with input means one or more user identification strings which correspond with a single user to represent a single user into the data storage means and associating one or more user identification strings which represent a single user with event data.

27. (Currently amended) A method for notifying a person of one or more scheduled events on a calendar, comprising the steps of associating with a person a calendar and notifying the person when there is an event posted to the person's calendar, and providing means for permitting the person to initialize, access and view the person's calendar, wherein a calendar event may be posted to the person's calendar prior to the time that the person whose calendar the event was posted has initialized the calendar.